



## OFFICE OF THE LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF

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### Sex Offender Level III Notification

Date: 04/19/07

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.50, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with the Sheriff's Office. Further, their previous history places them in a classification level that reflects the potential to re-offend. The individual served the sentence imposed by the court and has properly notified the Sheriff's Office of their current address. The law does not require this offender to do anything other than register. **THEY ARE NOT WANTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Detective Brad Borden or Chief Civil Deputy Gene Seiber at 360-748-9286.



**Name: John Michael Stafford (also known as Michael Stafford)**

**Address: 600 block of Meier Road, Winlock, WA**

**Date of Birth: 01/11/1967**

**Height: 6'00" Weight: 175 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown**

**Sex: Male Race: White**

**Synopsis of Information:** In 1990 Stafford was convicted in San Diego County Superior Court of four counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child under 14 Years of Age. The crimes had taken place five years before and involved Stafford having sexual contact with children who were known to him. He had originally been charged with seven counts, but three were dismissed as part of a plea agreement. He was sentenced to a minimal amount of local jail time and 5 years of probation/parole. In 2006 Stafford was convicted in Lewis

County Superior Court of Assault of a Child 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The crime involved the physical assault of a 15 year old male who was not related to him. As a result of that conviction he was sentenced to 14 months in prison. Stafford was released on 03/17/07 and will be on Department of Corrections supervision for 9-18 months. Based on the pattern of behavior, Stafford has been identified as a high risk to reoffend and this notification is required.

Using this public information to threaten, intimidate or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated by the law enforcement agencies of Lewis County. This abuse could potentially terminate our ability to release this important information to the public.